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SUMMARY: THE EXPULSION OF TWO IFCTU INSTRUCTORS AND COMPLAINTS OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE SIERRA LEONE LABOR CONGRESS (SLLC) GIVE RISE TO SPECULATIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER IN SIERRA LEONE. END SUMMARY.

1. A RECENT ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER "DAILY MAIL" COMPLAINED OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN THE SIERRA LEONE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE PRESENCE OF TWO IFCTU ADVISORS. SUBSEQUENTLY THE TWO IFCTU INSTRUCTORS INVOLVED IN AN IFCTU SEMINAR WERE ASKED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THUS CANCELLING THE SEMINAR. THE AALC REPRESENTATIVE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SPILL OVER EFFECTS OF ANTI-FOREIGN SENTIMENT ON THE AALC PRESENCE IN SIERRA LEONE.

2. THE ABSENCE OF THE OUT-SPOKEN SECRETARY-GENERAL KABBIA, PRESENTLY ATTENDING A CU SPONSORED U.S. VISIT, PROVIDES THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENT WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE ITS PRESSURE ON THE SLLC. PREVIOUS TO SEC-GENERAL KABBIA'S DEPARTURE THE GOSL HAD INVESTIGATED AN ILO SEMINAR AND PUSHED FOR THE DEFEAT OF KABBIA AS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE RECENT SLLC ELECTION. NORTH

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